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TAGS: PHUM, PINR, PA, AR  
SUBJ: THE SEARCH FOR JOSEF MENGELE: PROPOSED PLAN  
- FOR CLANDESTINE OPERATIONS IN PARAGUAY

REFS: (A) ASUNCION 3160, (B) BUENOS AIRES 4200

1. (SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. IN ARA/INR MEETING WITH US MARSHAL HOWARD SAFIR MAY 24, WITH AMBASSADOR DAVIS MAY 28, AND AMBASSADOR ORTIZ JUNE 4, WE REVIEWED REFTELS. BOTH AMBASSADORS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO PROPOSED CLANDESTINE COLLECTION OPERATION UNDER CONDITIONS DISCUSSED BELOW AND IN REFTELS. SAFIR, WHO HAS CLEARED THIS MESSAGE, REAFFIRMED HIS COMMITMENT TO WORK CLOSELY WITH EMBASSIES ASUNCION AND BUENOS AIRES, AND HIS AGREEMENT WITH THE CONDITIONS SUGGESTED BY CLARE IN MAY 21 DISCUSSION IN ASUNCION. HE MENTIONED HIS PLAN TO POST MARSHALS TO BUENOS AIRES ON SEVERAL MONTHS TOY AND REFERRED TO PERTINENT DISCUSSIONS HE HAD HELD WITH BUENOS AIRES DCM BUSHNELL (REF B).

3. WE EMPHASIZED TO SAFIR THE IMPORTANCE OF CLOSEST SIRO HEADQUARTERS AND SIRO ASUNCION AND BUENOS AIRES INVOLVEMENT, INCLUDING NAME TRACING OF PROSPECTIVE INFORMANTS, AS WELL AS THE NEED TO KEEP THE SCALE OF THE COLLECTION OPERATION AS SMALL AS POSSIBLE CONSISTENT WITH THE SEARCH TO AVOID DISCOVERY. SAFIR WILL CONSULT AMBASSADOR AND COS FULLY AT EVERY STEP OF OPERATION.

4. COMMENT: ALL OF US SHARE EMBASSY ASUNCION'S CONCERNS ABOUT THE LIKELIHOOD OF PARAGUAYAN PENETRATION OF THE PROPOSED OPERATION AND ITS CONSEQUENCES FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND FOR DESIRED OVERT PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT COOPERATION IN THE MENGELE CASE. CHIEFLY FOR THE LATTER REASON, WE ARE PRESSING JUSTICE TO PROCEED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH THE PROJECTED OSI VISIT TO PARAGUAY AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. AS FOR THE GROUND RULES, WE GO A STEP OR TWO BEYOND THE CONDITIONS DISCUSSED REFTEL A TO INSIST THAT ANY CLANDESTINE INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN CLOSEST COORDINATION WITH COS [ ] WITH SIRO ASUNCION KEPT FULLY

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INFORMED AT EVERY STEP, SO AS TO REDUCE AS BEST WE CAN THE RISK OF PENETRATION, COMPROMISE, AND MISREPRESENTATION OF OUR MOTIVES IN PARAGUAY. THE US MARSHALS SERVICE (USMS) WILL CONSULT SIRO AND THE SIRO HEADQUARTERS IN NAME TRACING PROSPECTIVE INFORMANTS.

5. FOR BUENOS AIRES: WE ARE INFORMED THAT IN DISCUSSION WITH SIRO HEADQUARTERS, USMS HAS SPECIFIED THAT THEY WISH TO STATION TWO MARSHALS (ONE SPANISH-SPEAKING) IN BUENOS AIRES FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS UNDER NOMINAL COVER, WITH THE QUESTION WHETHER OR NOT TO BE DECLARED TO LOCAL SERVICES TO BE DECIDED LATER. USMS HAS JUST INFORMED US OF THEIR INTENTION TO SEND THE MARSHALS TO BUENOS AIRES ON JUNE 7 OR 8 FOR A FEW DAYS IN ORDER TO CONSULT WITH THE COS AND MEET CERTAIN SIRO CONTACTS BEFORE HE DEPARTS THE POST.

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